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Office of Conservation
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hackberry Sand, Reservoir D
Northwest Vinton Field
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **BROWNING OIL CO.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir D, in the Northwest Vinton Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir D, in the Northwest Vinton Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated HBY RD SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir D, in the Northwest Vinton Field, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir D, in the Northwest Vinton Field by supplemental order without the

necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of such reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The Hackberry Sand, in the Northwest Vinton Field, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order Nos. 1430 and 1430-A, effective December 2, 1997 and October 13, 1998, respectively.

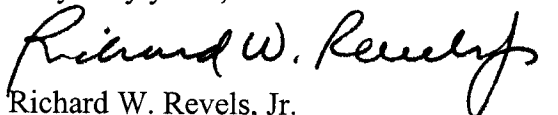
Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 70508, Telephone Number (337)232-5004.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held on April 25, 2001, in Lafayette, Louisiana, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by Messrs. Rick Revels and Bill Robbins who explained the basis of the applicant's proposed unit. A counterplan was then presented and explained by Mr. Holmes Smart on behalf of the Gray Estate. After further discussion and negotiation, all parties present agreed on a compromise unit proposal that is shown on the plat attached hereto. This proposed unit is approximately the same size as the unit originally proposed by the applicant, but centers the projected bottomhole location of the proposed unit well in a North/South direction. As a result of the compromise, the applicant does not expect any opposition at the hearing in this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the applicant's proposal and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

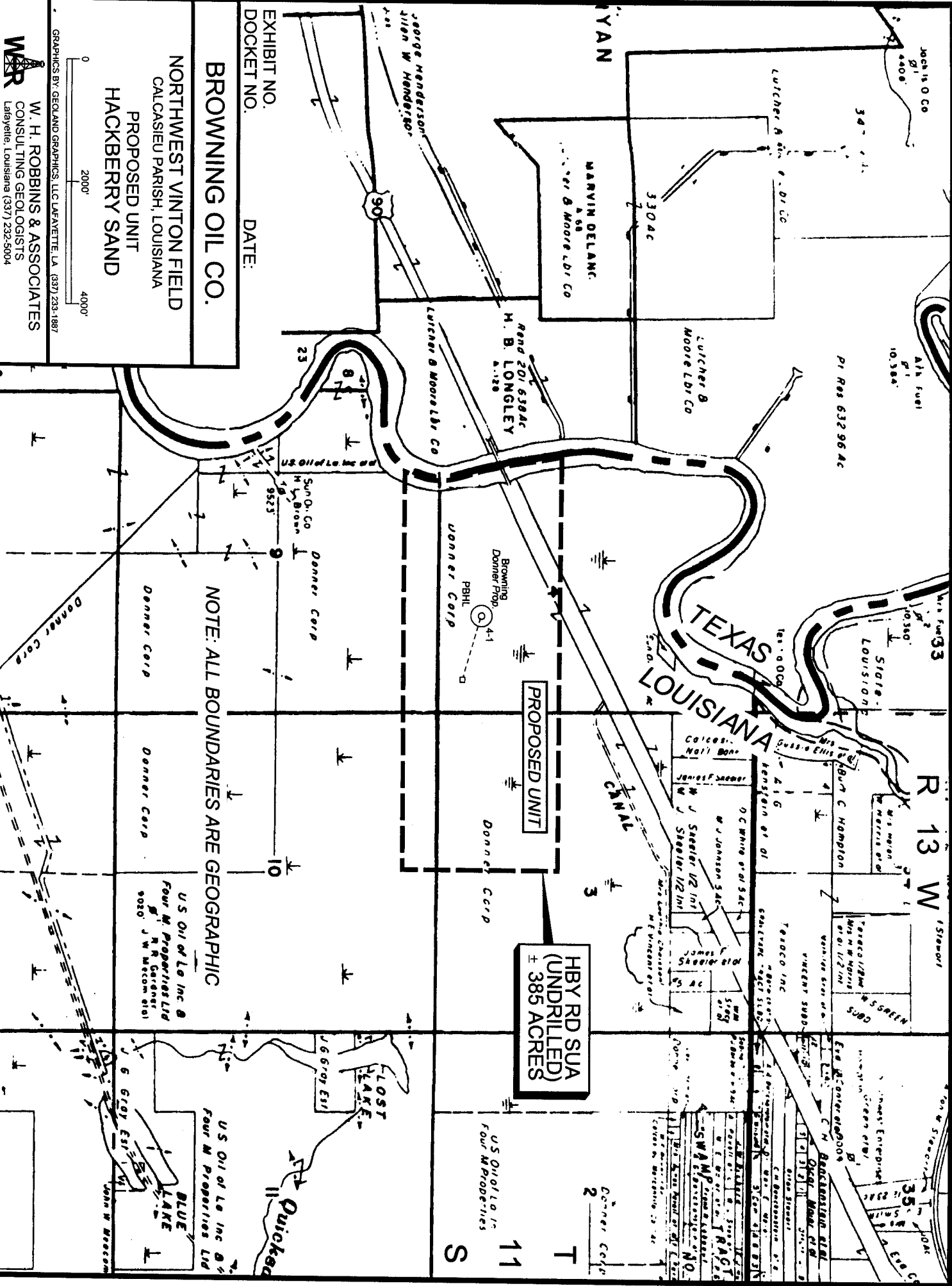
Very truly yours,


Richard W. Revels, Jr.

RWRjr/df
Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
Lafayette District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties



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EXHIBIT NO. _____
DOCKET NO. _____
DATE: _____
BROWNING OIL CO.

NORTHWEST VINTON FIELD
CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT
HACKBERRY SAND

NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

PROPOSED UNIT

**HBY RD SUA
(UNDRILLED)
± 385 ACRES**

**TEXAS
LOUISIANA**

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US Oil of La Inc &
Four M Properties Ltd
9020 J W Watson Blvd

US Oil of La Inc &
Four M Properties Ltd

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Four M Properties

Donner Corp

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